

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5**

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**SUBJECT:** Reports of Significant Developments and Activities  
Ending on April 6, 2007

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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities and training/conferences:

**SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

**Emergency Stabilization, Plating Engineering Site, West Allis, Wisconsin**

On April 3, 2007, On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Craig Thomas of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 5 Emergency Response Branch 2, and Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) team members, conducted an emergency stabilization action at the Plating Engineering Site located in West Allis, Wisconsin. OSC Craig Thomas had been contacted the previous week by the City of West Allis, indicating that trespassers had broken into the facility and that a child had been hurt at the site. Due to on-going concerns regarding trespassers entering the building, U.S. EPA decided to conduct an emergency stabilization action to secure windows and doors at the facility, and to post hazard notification signs on the exterior of the building.

Contact: Craig Thomas (312-886-5907)

**TRAINING/CONFERENCES****Training, Washington Township Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response-Awareness Level, Toledo, Ohio**

On March 28, 2007, U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Jon Gulch assisted the Washington Township Fire Department by coordinating and teaching an Awareness level HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response) class. This class was implemented to provide the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department and several Police Department personnel with the knowledge to identify hazardous materials incidents and to instruct them on whom to contact should an event happen in the Township. Additional training team members were from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), City of Toledo-Division of Environmental Services, and Owens Community College.

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**Tabletop Exercise, Ohio DOT Interstate-280 Bridge Hazmat Response, Toledo, Ohio**

On April 3, 2007, On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Jon Gulch represented the U.S. EPA at a Lucas County Emergency Management Agency (Lucas County EMA)/Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) tabletop exercise. The objective of the exercise was to test emergency response capabilities to the newly constructed Interstate-280 Bridge, which will be the largest and most expensive project in ODOT history. The scenario included an accident and release of 5,000 gallons of bio-diesel fuel from a tanker to the bridge deck and Maumee River. Also included in the scenario was a fire and subsequent explosion that tested the ability to produce enough water on the top of the bridge deck (130 feet from the Maumee River) to extinguish the fire. Other organizations that participated in the exercise included: the U.S. Coast Guard-Marine Safety Unit Toledo, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Northern Ohio and Michigan Mutual Assistance District (NOMMAD), Lucas County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Lucas County EMA, Lucas County Sheriff's Office, and the Toledo and Oregon Police and Fire Departments.

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**Tabletop Exercise, Minneapolis Water Works, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota**

On March 23, 2007, On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), Sonia Vega, Minneapolis-St. Paul office, attended a tabletop exercise with the Minneapolis Water Works, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. Local, State, and Federal partners participated in this scoping exercise involving simulating a release from a chlorine tank. Fire departments from Minneapolis and Fridley participated. Equipment availability and needs were discussed, and a follow-up meeting between the local fire departments will take place in the near future.

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**SPCC Regulatory Update, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Business & Industry's Environmental Health & Safety Symposium, Cincinnati, Ohio**

On March 28, 2007, Phillip Wicklein, Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Inspector/Grantee, gave a presentation at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Business & Industry's Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) Symposium in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sponsored by several trade associations in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia, this conference is one of the largest EHS conferences in the nation with nearly 700 attendees, including environmental and EHS directors, managers, and engineers, and other corporate executives from business and industry. Over 50 people attended Mr. Wicklein's presentation.

Mr. Wicklein provided a summary of the recent revisions (December 2006) to the SPCC regulation, including the new streamlined requirements for Qualified Smaller Facilities and Oil-filled Electrical Equipment, exemptions and clarifications to the regulation, the compliance deadlines, what to expect during an inspection, and over 100 recent inspection photos.

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